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MEETING AND PRC COMMENTARY ON SOVIET POLICIES IN THE
BALKANS

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1. THIS IS AN UPDATE ON YUGOSLAV/ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION
IN THE OCTOBER 16-18 CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF CP'S
IN WARSAW, PLUS A RECENT REFLECTION OF PRC VIEWS ON
SOVIET POLICIES IN THE BALKANS. PLEASE PASS THIS CABLE
TO COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN
ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN BUCHAREST.

2. BOTH ROMANIANS AND YUGOSLAVS APPEAR PLEASED WITH THE
OUTCOME OF THE WARSAW MEETING. THEY SEE THE FINAL
COMMUNIQUE AS CLOSELY REFLECTING THEIR OWN COORDINATED
POSITIONS: "THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING EXPRESSED
THEIR SATISFACTION AT THE DEMOCRATIC ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH
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THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING WAS HELD IN THE SPIRIT OF THE

PRINCIPLES OF EQUAL RIGHTS, RESPECT FOR THE OPINIONS
OF ALL PARTIES, AND WITH THE DESIRE TO ARRIVE AT JOINT
POSITIONS..."

3. REF A PROVIDES ACCOUNT OF YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE

GRLICKOV'S SPEECH IN WARSAW WHICH REAFFIRMED THE YUGOSLAV
VIEW OF SEPARATE ROADS TO SOCIALISM, EQUALITY AND
INDEPENDENCE OF ALL SOCIALIST PARTIES AND LEFT
OPEN YUGOSLAV ATTENDANCE AT A FUTURE EUROPEAN CP
CONFERENCE. THE GRLICKOV SPEECH WAS TREATED BY YUGOSLAV
MEDIA AS A MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT, AND SUBSEQUENT
YUGOSLAV COMMENTARY CONTAINED CONSIDERABLE SELF-
CONGRATULATION OVER THE WAY THE YUGOSLAVS GOT THEIR
POINTS ACROSS IN WARSAW (REF B).

4. SIMILARLY, AUTHORITATIVE ROMANIAN TREATMENT OF
WARSAW MEETING IN OCTOBER 22 SCINTEIA ARTICLE BY
STEFAN ANDREI, RCP FIRST SECRETARY AND ROMANIA'S
REPRESENTATIVE IN WARSAW, REFLECTED ROMANIAN SATISFACTION
(REF C). ANDREI EMPHASIZED THAT ANY EVENTUAL EUROPEAN
CP CONFERENCE MUST SERVE THE CAUSE OF UNITY OF COMMUNIST
MOVEMENT; MUST PROCEED ON BASIS OF CONSENSUS; MUST BE
GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY ("WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE FROM THE
MASSES"); AND ALSO RESERVED FOR RCP RIGHT TO DECIDE FOR
ITSELF "FREELY AND AT THE PROPER TIME" WHETHER OR NOT TO
ATTEND. EMBASSY BUCHAREST COMMENTED THAT DESPITE EVIDENT
SATISFACTION WITH WARSAW OUTCOME, ANDREI MADE IT
CLEAR THAT WARY ROMANIANS TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED
REGARDING FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS
THEIR WELL-KNOWN VIEWS JUST AS ENERGETICALLY AS IN THE
PAST.

5. A RECENT PRC EVALUATION REFLECTING UNUSUALLY COMPRE-
HENSIVE INDICTMENT OF SOVIET POLICIES VIS-A-VIS THE
BALKANS IS PROVIDED BY AN OCTOBER 18 ARTICLE IN
PEOPLE'S DAILY (FBIS TRENDS OCTOBER 23). THE COMMENTATOR
CHARGES THAT MOSCOW HAS STEPPED UP "EXPANSIONISM"
IN THE BALKANS. HE PORTRAYS MOSCOW AS BACKING THE
"COMINFORMIST" GROUP IN YUGOSLAVIA AND PUTTING
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MILITARY PRESSURE ON ROMANIA, POINTING UP SOVIET
MILITARY EXERCISES AND ALLEGED DEMANDS FOR TRANSIT
RIGHTS. IN AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO BREZHNEV'S OCTOBER 11
SPEECH AT KISHINEV, THE PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTARY
DENOUNCES SOVIET LEADERS WHO "APPEARED AT POINTS ON THE
SOVIET BORDERS ADJOINING THE BALKANS TO BOAST IN
PERSON OF RUSSIA'S HISTORY OF GOBBLING UP NEIGHBORING
TERRITORIES." ADDED IS AN ATTACK ON THE USSR FOR

SUPPORT FOR ALLEGED BULGARIAN CLAIMS TO PARTS OF MACE-

DONIA NOW WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA. FINALLY, THE COMMENTATOR
LAUDS EXAMPLE OF ROMANIAN-YUGOSLAV COOPERATION, CALLING
ON BALKAN NATIONS TO TAKE "POWERFUL MEASURES" TO REBUFF
THE EXPANSIONIST "MENACE" OF THE USSR. INGERSOLL

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